

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 3833

**Date/Time Notice:** 7/24/2015

**DEM Incident No:**

**Responsible Party:** Bek Consulting

**Date Incident:** 7/23/2015

**Time Incident:** 12:30 PM

**Duration:**

**County:** Williams

**Twp:** 154

**Rng:** 101

**Sec:** 21

**Qtr:**

**Lat:** 48.15407

**Long:** -103.67000

**Method:** Interpolation from map

**Location Description:** 1101 32nd Ave W, Williston, ND. The spill occurred at a pad-mounted transformer location on the south side of 51st St NW just west of 32nd Ave W, roughly 300 feet north of Sportsman's Warehouse.

**Submitted By:** Andy McDonald

**Affiliation:**

**Address:** 400 N Fourth St

**City:** Bismarck

**State:** ND

**Zip:**

**Received By:**

**Contact Person:**

1173 3rd Ave W  
Dickinson, ND

**Distance Nearest Occupied Building:**

300 Feet

**Release Contained:** Yes

**Type of Incident:** Transformer Leak, Struck by Contractor

**Description of Released Contaminant:** Mineral Oil (0ppm PCB per name plate)

**Volume Spilled:**

24.00 gallons

**Ag Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** Unknown

**Reported to NRC:** Unknown

**Cause of Incident:**

A contractor working for the property owner struck secondary cables buried next to and connected to MDU's pad transformer, and caused the oil within the transformer to leak out onto the soil.

**Risk Evaluation:**

none

**# of Fatalities:** 0

**# of Injuries:** 0

**Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

**Potential Environmental Impacts:**

Due to the rapid response time of personnel, the substantial distance of the spill from any storm water drains, and thoroughness of the crew while cleaning up the spill, it is expected that there are no environmental impacts associated with this spill, other than the amount of contaminated soil that was removed from the site.

**Action Taken or Planned:**

Montana-Dakota personnel were on site within an hour of the spill and confirmed that the mineral oil was 0 ppm PCB per the name plate on the transformer. The transformer, pad, and all contaminated soil were removed and taken back to the Montana-Dakota District Office in Williston, ND.

**Wastes Disposal Location:** The contaminated soils will be shipped to US Ecology Inc. in Grand View, ID. The transformer will be sent to Solomon Corporation in Solomon, KS, where it can be recycled. Depending on the condition of

the pad, if not damaged, it can be cleaned with a solvent and reused within our service area.

***Agencies Involved:***

***Updates***

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***Date:*** 7/27/2015    ***Status:*** Reviewed - Assigned to NDDoH Division    ***Author:*** O'Gorman, Brian

***Updated Volume:***

***Notes:***

Release of 24 gallons of mineral oil on to area soils due to equipment striking a transformer. Mineral oil was cleaned up and contained for proper disposal. Report also stated mineral oil did not contain PCBs. Report forwarded to WM Division for further followup.

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***Date:*** 7/28/2015    ***Status:*** Awaiting Documentation    ***Author:*** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

***Updated Volume:***

***Notes:***

At this time we have requested photos from MDU documenting the cleanup.

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***Date:*** 7/31/2015    ***Status:*** Reviewed - No Action Required    ***Author:*** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

***Updated Volume:***

***Notes:***

A representative from MDU submitted photos of the cleanup and the new transformer pad installation. Photos are in corresponding folder.